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channels, when transmitted through cable networks, are required to adhere to the programme/advertisement code prescribed under Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995. The Programme code provides, *inter-alia*, that no programme shall be carried in the cable service, which offends against good taste or decency, contains anything obscene, defamatory, deliberate, false and suggestive innuendos and half truths, or denigrates women. Wherever found necessary, the programmes of the channels are also monitored. Action against continued violation of the prescribed codes is to be taken by the authorized officers of the State Government, which include the District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Commissioner of Police or any other officer notified by the State Government.

(b) At present, there are no DTH operators in the country

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Malpractices in the official media**

1042. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how many officers and other cadres in the official electronic media have been proceeded against for corruption during the last five years;

(b) whether any convictions; and

(c) whether there is a Vigilance Cell in the Ministry to curb malpractices in the official media?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the house

(c) There is a Vigilance set up in the Ministry which, *inter alia*, coordinates with the Vigilance set ups of the Media Units, including Prasar Bharati.

#### **Nexus between film makers and underworld**

1043. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting of leaders of film industry is being proposed to discuss the nexus between film makers and the underworld;

(b) if so, the response received in this regard, so far; and